

Candidates Ask Large Turn-out in City Election



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EASTER JOY—Elaine Spellman, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spellman of 24305 Eshelman ave., Lomita, is engaged in one of the thrilling Easter activities—painting eggs.

—Press photo by Milt Svenski.

EDITORIAL

The principal reason the people of Torrance approved a charter amendment to increase the City Council to seven members, was to assure equal representation for all sections of Torrance.

The voters will have an opportunity Tuesday to make this principle become fact.

For City Council

We are recommending the election of J. A. Beasley, Murl A. Reeves and R. P. (Pat) Hogue, because these men have a record of leadership respectively in South, North and West Torrance.

Control of the City Council in the past has been wielded by the Central Torrance area, with the result that residents of outlying areas have felt like orphans in their own city, due to lack of proper representation.

Election of Beasley, Reeves and Hogue will give a proper balance on the City Council with every section of the city represented for the betterment of all of Torrance.

For Mayor

Because we believe that Mayor Albert Isen has demonstrated capable and effective leadership during the past three years, with resulting nation-wide acclamation of Torrance as an All-America City, we recommend that he be re-elected.

The post of Mayor has become increasingly important with the city's rapid growth.

Mayor Isen has displayed outstanding leadership, devotion to his duty and personal honesty and integrity. We feel he is entitled to a vote of confidence by reelecting him.

For City Clerk

For City Clerk we need a person who is able and willing to devote full time to this office. We urge the election of Mrs. Herma Tillim, an energetic businesswoman and civic leader to the position.

For City Treasurer

Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, the incumbent City Treasurer, has shown efficiency and ability in her post during the past 15 years. We recommend that she be reelected.



CUNNEL, SUH—Douglas J. (Dutch) Horlander, left, who is a captain in the National Guard, was suddenly raised to a Kentucky Colonelcy by orders of Gov. Happy Chandler of Kentucky. The Governor asked Torrance Mayor Albert Isen to present Horlander with the commission.

For Mayor



ALBERT ISEN

For Council West Torrance



ROGER P. (PAT) HOGUE

For City Treasurer



HARRIETT V. LEECH

North Torrance



MURL A. REEVES

For City Clerk



HERMA TILLIM

South Torrance



J. A. BEASLEY

Six Posts At Stake In Vote

Hope for a large turn-out of voters in Tuesday's election, was expressed today by Mayor Albert Isen and his chief opponent for reelection, Councilman Nickolas O. Drale.

Approximately 35,000 voters are eligible to go to the polls to elect a mayor, three councilmen, a city clerk and city treasurer.

New Office

It will be the first time in the city's history that the mayor will be elected directly by the voters. Previously he was selected from among one of the five Council members.

A charter amendment approved last year, created the new mayor's office and two new Council seats.

Although four candidates have filed for the mayor's office, the campaign is concentrated on two of them. These are Albert Isen, incumbent mayor, and Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, who once served as mayor for one year.

The others are Dearl Craft and Walter G. Ryan.

Council Candidates

Fifteen candidates have filed for Council seats, with only one, Willys G. Blount, an incumbent. The others are Tom Abrams, J. A. (Jay) Beasley, George A. Bradford, David V. Figueredo, Thirvin D. Fleetwood, Virgil Hancock, Albert W. Hinz.

Others are R. P. (Pat) Hogue, Alexander Mazza, Clifford J. Peterson, Murl A. Reeves, J. E. (Jim) Thompson, George Vico and Richard B. Wilson.

City Clerk

With the disqualification of one candidate, incumbent A. H. Bartlett is opposed for a 10th term as city clerk by Mrs. Herma Tillim.

Harriett V. Leech, incumbent treasurer, is opposed by Frank W. Hunter.

In addition to the candidates, voters will also be asked to decide the fate of the \$3,000,000 park and recreation bond issue to purchase sites and develop existing parks.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voice May Use City On Radio

Possibility that Torrance may be used as a typical American city for propaganda broadcasts aimed at Iron Curtain countries, was revealed today.

Frank Dussel, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, said that his organization has been contacted to submit information which may lead to Torrance's selection as the city to be used in the broadcasts.

The Junior Chamber is cooperating on the program with the (Continued on page 2)

School Budget Shows Spending Increase

Cost of operating Torrance Unified School District, including provisions for growth and reorganization, will increase by \$1,400,300 next fiscal year.

This was the prospect contained in the preliminary budget which will be studied by the Board of Education April 15.

Anticipated expenditures fall approximately \$160,000 short of income, based on the present tax rate of \$2.05 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Estimated income is based on an increase of valuation by 12 per cent, and includes \$200,000 in doubtful revenue for districts in defense plant areas. The U.S. funds will cease as of June 30, unless Congress renews the allocation.

Total estimated income is estimated at \$8,561,426, compared with \$8,253,695 during the current year.

Expenditures based on continuing the present program is set at \$7,972,744, but with provisions for necessary growth, spending will be \$8,719,796. During the current year, the district will spend \$7,318,084.

The preliminary budget does not include provisions for any possible raises to teachers and classified personnel beyond the regular, annual increments.

Documented reports, to support the budget figures, will be presented to the Board by April 15.

Officer Cleared

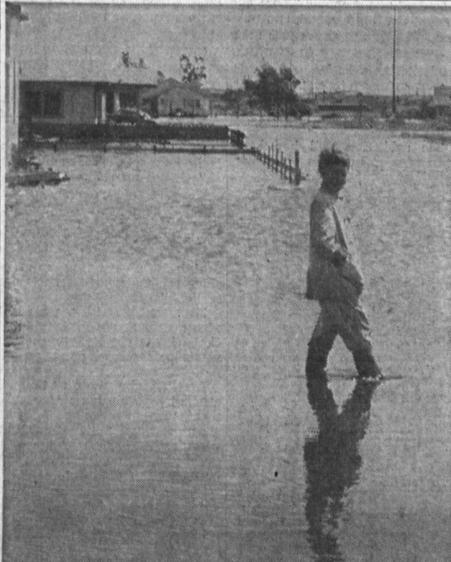
The policeman who shot and killed a 19-year-old sailor during a chase in Torrance last month, was given a "justifiable homicide" verdict by a coroner's jury Friday.

Officer William McCrory, of Redondo Beach, shot the youth, Gerald Dean Terry, of Gardena, after the sailor had allegedly attempted to strike police cars and other vehicles during a wild chase which ended with the shooting at Pacific Coast Highway and Robert's rd.

Girl Hit by Truck

A 12-year-old girl was injured when she was struck by a truck at Glenburn ave. and 170th st., Thursday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Karen Miller, of 16822 Della ave. The truck was driven by John Jacob Reed, 19, of 16820 Yukon ave., police said.



DEEP WATER—Karen Hartel wades in deep waters around Earl st., where residents have abandoned homes and are suing city for damages caused by heavy inundation.

Protest Use as Sumpsite

Asserting the city used their property as a sump, seven residents of Earl st. and Ocean ave., will file damage claims of at least \$42,625 this week.

"We pay taxes like everybody else, the city shouldn't let us sit here for 45 days without any help," charged Mrs. Harold Kemp as she abandoned her home at 22704 Earl st., Friday.

Evacuations

She and several other residents of the hard-hit area, have been evacuated from their homes which they claim have been made unlivable because of inundation.

Clifford J. Peterson, the attorney representing seven property owner filing damage claims, said that the city has provided inadequate drainage, has placed improper drainage on Hawthorne blvd., causing water to run across Ocean ave., and has used his clients' property as a sump.

Minimum Figures

He said the claims filed by the individual home owners are min-

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MUNICIPAL BALLOT

The Torrance Press recommends these candidates in next Tuesday's election. Whatever your choice, be sure to vote. You are invited to clip this sample ballot and take it to the polls with you.

For MAYOR

Vote for 1

ALBERT ISEN
Incumbent

For Member of City Council

Vote for 3

J. A. (JAY) BEASLEY
Electroplating

R. P. (PAT) HOGUE
Sheet Metal Foreman

MURL A. REEVES
Warehouse Supervisor

For CITY CLERK

Vote for 1

HERMA TILLIM
Employment Agency Owner

For CITY TREASURER

Vote for 1

HARRIETT V. LEECH
Incumbent

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS

BOND PROPOSITION—PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: park and recreation facilities for said city, including the acquisition and improvement of land for park and recreation sites, the improvement of existing park and recreation sites, and the construction of all buildings, structures, roadways, vehicle parking facilities, and other improvements necessary for park and recreation purposes, together with landscaping and the acquisition of furniture, apparatus, equipment and other property necessary for any of the foregoing?

YES

NO